

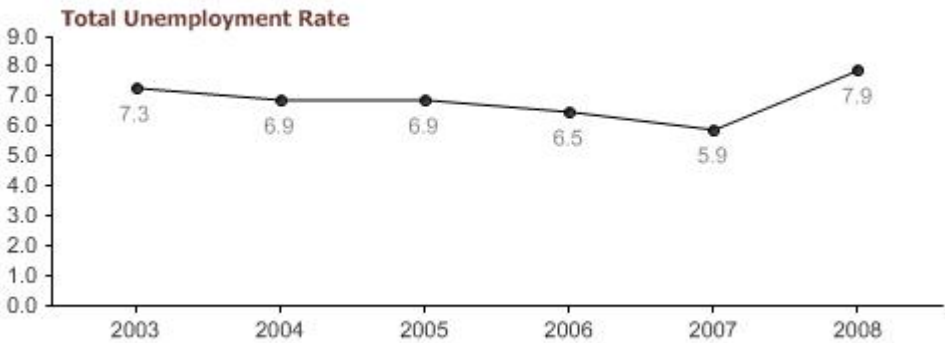
# Starke County, IN Highlights

## Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

### Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2008

	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	10,607	-2.5%
Employed	9,771	-5.9%
Unemployed	836	66.2%
Rate	7.9	71.7%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Area Rate	State Rate
1998	11,020	10,549	471	4.3	2.9
1999	10,933	10,442	491	4.5	2.9
2000	10,883	10,380	503	4.6	2.9
2001	10,710	10,087	623	5.8	4.2
2002	10,639	9,851	788	7.4	5.2
2003	10,487	9,722	765	7.3	5.3
2004	10,483	9,760	723	6.9	5.3
2005	10,615	9,884	731	6.9	5.4
2006	10,583	9,896	687	6.5	5.0
2007	10,496	9,877	619	5.9	4.6
2008	10,607	9,771	836	7.9	5.9

